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CHIP Coverage Change Notification

Federal Rule Regarding Gender Dysphoria Treatment Services

for Members Under Age 19

In accordance with CMS Final Rule CMS-2451-F, *Prohibition on Federal Medicaid and CHIP Funding for Sex Reassignment Procedures Furnished to Children and Youth*, federal CHIP funding will no longer be available for certain services provided for the treatment of gender dysphoria in members under age 19.

Effective October 13, 2026

The following services for the treatment of gender dysphoria will no longer be covered under CHIP for members younger than 19 years of age:

- Puberty-blocking medications
- Sex reassignment surgical procedures

Claims for these services rendered on or after October 13, 2026, will not be covered when billed for the treatment of gender dysphoria for members under age 19.

Effective April 13, 2027

Hormone replacement therapy drugs for the treatment of gender dysphoria will no longer be covered under CHIP for members younger than 19 years of age.

Claims for these services rendered on or after April 13, 2027, will not be covered when billed for the treatment of gender dysphoria for members under age 19.

What Providers Need to Know

Providers should:

- Review any planned or ongoing treatment involving affected CHIP members.
- Ensure authorization requests and claims submissions align with the applicable effective dates.
- Be aware that claims for non-covered services may be denied beginning on the effective dates noted above.



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- Contact Provider Services with questions regarding coverage, claims processing, or authorization requirements.

Additional Information

This change is required by federal regulation and applies to CHIP coverage only. Coverage determinations for services furnished before the applicable effective dates are not affected.

The CMS Final Rule in its entirety can be found here: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-16508>.

If you have questions, please contact Provider Services at [1-855-445-1920](tel:1-855-445-1920) (TTY 711).

Sincerely,

WellKids by PA Health & Wellness